

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

STAELS Atty. Ref.: 3665-106; Confirmation No. 8262  
Appl. No. 10/501,525 TC/A.U. 1647  
Filed: July 16, 2004 Examiner: Gamett

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR IDENTIFYING SUBSTANCES CAPABLE OF MODULATING ADIPOCYTE DIFFERENTIATION

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February 6, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 9, 2007, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above.

Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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